

MCLB ALBANY SAFETYGRAM

EYE SAFETY IN THE WORKPLACE

Each year thousands of workers suffer on-the-job eye injuries that can cause permanent damage, or even blindness. Most eye injuries are preventable. Knowing the primary hazards in your work environment and making sure machine guards, eyewear and other safety precautions are in place is crucial to avoiding eye injuries.

Types of Safety Eyewear Protection



Safety glasses



Goggles



Face shields



Welding helmets



Full-face respirators

Five contributing factors to eye injuries:

- Failing to wear eye protection.
- Wearing the wrong type of eye protection.
- Modifying eye protection by removing side shields.
- Improper fit of eye protection.
- Lack of awareness of hazards.

Ten tips to help avoid eye injury in the workplace:

- Use proper safety eyewear that is certified and marked "ANSI Z87.1" clearly on all glasses or goggles.
- Notify supervisors immediately if safety hazards are discovered.
- Have regular eye exams.
- Wear protective eyewear that is designed for the job being performed.
- Make sure that the eyewear fits properly.
- Know the eye safety dangers at work.
- Eliminate eye hazards before starting work by using machine guards, work screens or other engineering controls.
- Use proper eye protection.
- Keep your safety eyewear in good condition and have it replaced if it becomes damaged.
- Post sign indicating the requirement for eye protection.

CAUTION
EYE
PROTECTION
REQUIRED

Play It Safe
With Your Eyes!



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